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STORY OF A COPPER MINE

**Recently Refused
\$25,000,000 For
United Verde**

BY W. E. CURTIS.

Senator William A. Clark, of Montana, was offered \$25,000,000 in cash by an English syndicate not long ago for the United Verde mine, and he told me he refused it because he did not know what to do with the money. It is said to be difficult to invest \$25,000,000, although few people ever attempted such a task. Senator Clark has had considerable experience that way, more than most of us. There are other reasons why he would rather have the mine than the money. Some idea of the value of the property may be gained from the fact that since operations began in 1884 more than \$10,000,000 worth of ore has been taken out of it, and Clark's engineers assert that \$50,000,000 has already been blucked out, ready to be removed as soon as facilities will permit. Of this a block of \$12,000,000 is supporting machinery, which must be renewed first. I do not know where a more valuable foundation for a holding plant can be found.

The United Verde property consists of 200 acres of land and a controlling interest in Senator Clark \$25,000 in 1888. It is situated at the town of Jerome, on the Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix railroad, about 40 miles south of Ash Fork station on the Santa Fe line to California. Jerome is a town of about 1300 inhabitants, and nearly everything in it belongs to the mining company, of which Charles W. Clark, the son of the senator, is manager. He is assisted by several experienced men.

Senator Clark owns 98 per cent of the United Verde mine, and according to popular opinion, his income from it averages about \$400,000 a month. He can make as much more as he likes, but he is satisfied with that. The mine produces an average of 40,000,000 pounds of copper a year. Last year the output was 46,000,000 pounds, which, at 15 cents a pound, was worth \$6,900,000 and this is said to have been all clear profit before the hyper-inflation, the gold and silver, found with the copper ore, more than paid the running expenses. But really, nobody knows down here anything about it. There is no mining in question law in Arizona, and no reports are required. Senator Clark talks freely to his friends but does not allow his managers to enjoy that privilege and nobody except the workmen of the company is admitted to the enclosure with out a personal pass from him. He has several other well paying mines in the same neighborhood, but they are not worked to their full capacity. The Equator mine, three miles south of the United Verde is popularly believed to be equally valuable.

It is a satire upon human fate that Senator Clark bought the United Verde for a gold mine, and admits that if he had supposed it was a copper property he would have "tamed it down". It was offered to a dozen different parties before he leased it, and he says he was not proud of his trade at the time. The mine was discovered by Captain John Boyd, a veteran prospector, in 1873, and was developed by two Chicago men, John O'Daugherty, an amateur assayer, and his brother, Edward O. Daugherty, a medical student, who came down here for his health. They discovered and developed several other properties in the immediate neighborhood, including the now famous Copper Chief and Iron King mines. They organized the district and

incorporated two or three mining companies in the seventies and early eighties.

The United Verde mine was first offered to the owners of the famous Calumet & Hecla mines of Lake Superior; then to Phelps, Dodge & Co., of New York; then to Mark Hopkins, of San Francisco; and afterwards to John W. Mackay and his associates. Frank W. Murphy, president of the Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix Railway, tells an interesting story in this connection. When he was quite a youngster knocking about this part of the country, he was sent over to get some samples of ore, which a promoter here wanted to take with him to New York. The latter had arranged to start the next day and Mr. Murphy rode 36 miles over the mountains and 30 miles back to Prescott in one day, stopping long enough to pick up some of the best samples of metal bearing rock that he could find lying around loose. The samples were taken to New York and exhibited to Mr. Mackay and his associates who took very little interest in them. They were passed on to Mr. Clark, who was operating in Montana, and he was sufficiently interested to come down here to look at the property. He did not have faith enough to buy, but obtained a three-year lease to operate the mine on shares, the owners receiving one-half the net profits. In the meantime he bought up the stock as fast as he could until he obtained control.

Croppings

Potatoes are now in per pound.

The Wilmer Rifle Association's drive in the Altamir Hall tomorrow night promises to be a great success.

Wm. Haupt and Miles McMillan on Sunday started for the Tucuman hills where they will work all winter.

About 14 men arrived at Altamir on the Parnamigan Friday to work in the C. R. L. Co.'s lumber camp on Dutch creek.

Pack Sheldon left on Monday's Parnamigan en route to his home in Utah. He has been here since early in the spring.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barbour, six miles west of Wilmer, was made happy on Saturday, Oct. 14th, by the arrival of a son.

Henry Schlegel and Sam Derr came to town No. 3 creek last week for more supplies and have since returned to the Lead Queen mine, where they may continue development work all winter.

Chas. Monroe came down from the black bird camp last week and went to Nelson to confer with his partner. He expects to return and work his property throughout the winter. It is said he has struck some fine ore recently.

H. B. Washburn, wife and family leave today for the Nettie M. mine, where they will remain until next spring. A fine cabin has been built close to the mouth of the new tunnel and everything is in good shape for the winter's work.

Fred Fay, who is in the employ of Capt. Thorold, had the misfortune to run a splinter of a broken axe-handle into his knee, causing a painful wound. He came down to Windermere, where Dr. Elliott removed the splinter and dressed the wound.

The shaft house and blacksmith shop at the Lake Shore workings of the St. Eugene mine were burned to the ground and the hoist and other machinery in the building is a total loss. The direct loss to the company will be nearly \$20,000, which is covered by \$9,000 insurance.

Another K.C.R. Rumor.

A rumor hails from Golden that a prominent business man of that town recently returned from Calgary and stated that he had learned there on good authority that a party of C. P. R. surveyors had orders to come here shortly and run a locating line of the Kootenay Central Railway, crossing the Columbia river near Fiddlers and continuing on the west side up the Windermere lake. This rumor at first was received as another joke, but as the name of the man has been given out from whom it is said to emanate it is being more seriously considered. The rumor can do no harm and it may serve to revive a subject already much discussed.

Navigation Closed.

The steamer Parnamigan arrived on her last trip for this season last Friday with a heavy load of general freight and a good list of passengers. After doing some freighting to the upper end of the lake for the lumber camps, she started down the river Monday, where she will tie-up for the winter. Owing to the unusually low state of the water navigation has closed nearly a month earlier than usual, but the freight has been nearly all got up and teamsters are not likely to have as much freighting as last fall. The steamer, all things considered, has had a most successful season financially and otherwise. It is understood Capt. Armstrong has plans in view for the winter whereby he will be enabled next season to give a much better service in every way, and especially to the tourist trade.

Mr. Craig Found Dead.

It was with much surprise and general regret that the news came from Windermere Monday afternoon that Andrew Craig had been found dead under a tree, close to his home, by his son Sinclair. It appears that the son had been working near by and upon returning to the house went to the tree where the old gentleman had been sitting and found him dead, although his body was still quite warm and it is thought he was not dead more than fifteen minutes when found. Dr. Elliott was summoned, who pronounced that death resulted from heart trouble. Deceased was 67 years of age and was quite feeble, and his sudden death was not altogether a surprise to his son, to whom his numerous friends extend their sincere sympathy. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. Rev. Mr. McKenzie conducting the services. The deceased was born in Lamark county, Ontario, and has resided with his son in Windermere for several years, where he was highly respected and held in high esteem by all who knew him.

The first fall of the beautiful occurred Monday night, but soon disappeared.

Compliments—The greatest compliment you can pay a woman is to love and respect her. The greatest compliment you can pay a boy is to believe in him. The greatest compliment you can pay a man is to ask for his advice and follow it. The greatest compliment you can pay an editor is to pay your subscription to his paper without being asked for it.

A Toronto despatch says that the British Columbia tax on commercial travellers is strongly condemned by the business communities of Ontario. No doubt it is. But then business communities in B. C. strongly condemn the governments that have taken many millions of dollars in taxes from B. C. and spent them in Ontario.

Fighting Joe Martin is reported to be talking a whole lot in Manitoba and here is a sample of how he is "rubbing it in" to the party he lately defeated: "I would like any Liberal to take that book containing the principles adopted in 1893 and pick out today one single plank that has not been torn into shreds by the present government. I say the only remedy is to get a new party, to be founded upon principles instead of upon graft."

Joe is a great scrapper and it is evident he wants a three-cornered fight—fighting two parties is too tame now for Joe.

Calgary Trade Gazette.—Probably the best known figure on the street in Calgary today is "Little Mac." You will always find him, morning, noon and night, bustling, jovial, and busy as a bee, but with a kind word for every one, besides having a moment to spare to give you the latest bit of good news about the great advancement of Calgary and Alberta. Mr. McDonald is now in the Red Deer Mill & Elevator Co., of Red Deer, Alberta, and feels justly proud of the fact that the company has the duty distinction of being the first incorporated company to be gazetted in the newly inaugurated provinces. The members of the corporation are Mr. McDonald, Calgary; H. F. Hall, mill and elevator man, of Lacombe, Saskatchewan; and D. W. Patton, the western manager of the Stratford Mill Building Co., of Stratford, Ont. The company is a strong one with ample capital, and has already commenced building their elevator and mill.

Born—At Golden, on Friday, Oct. 13, the wife of Jas. L. McKay, of Sinclair, a son.

Mining Records.

The following records have been made at the Wilmer Mining Recorder's office:

LOCATIONS.

Oct. 14—Relief No. 1 and Relief No. 2, on Boulder creek, by M. H. Crank, located Sept. 30.

ASSAYS.

Oct. 10—Gabbrieth, on No. 8 creek, by Louis Sturgen.
Oct. 14—Conals, on No. 3 creek, by Baptiste Paul.

A HORRIBLE DRINK

"I understand you're temperance?" began the stage driver.

"Yes, I'm pretty strong against liquor. I've been set against it now for thirty-five years," replied the passenger.

"Scared it will ruin your health?"

"Yes, but that isn't the main thing."

"Perhaps it don't agree with you?"

"Well, it really don't agree with anybody. But that ain't it either. The thing that sets me against it is a horrible idea."

"A horrible idea! What is it?"

"Well, thirty-five years ago I was sitting in a hotel in Denver with a friend of mine and I says, 'Let's order a bottle of something,' and he says, 'No, Mr. I'm saving my money to buy government land at \$1.25 an acre. I'm going to buy tomorrow, and you had better let me take the money you would have spent for liquor and buy a couple of acres along with mine.' I says 'All right.' So we didn't drink, and he bought me two acres."

"Well, sir, today those two acres are right in the middle of a flourishing town, and if I'd taken that drink I'd have swallowed a ditch, block, a grocery store, an apothecary, a law lawyer's office, and it's hard to say what else. That's the idea. Ain't it horrible?"

H. A. Bright, general manager and one of the chief stockholders of the Perry Creek Mining Co., was in town Monday. Some three years ago Mr. Bright became interested in placer property on Perry Creek, and with others in the state of Washington, have looked on the property over \$100,000. The company have some very rich ground on the creek, a flume over four miles in length and a complete and up-to-date hydraulic equipment. They have been severely handicapped this season by low water but yet they were able to work over a small piece of ground and when they made their clean-up this fall, the results were entirely satisfactory. One obstacle in the way of rapid work were the boules of extreme size, and this season they were disposed of by blasting, an expensive and slow process.

Mr. Bright says that next season they will introduce a power process that will make the work of handling the boulders very easy of comparison. Mr. Bright took home with him a magnificent collection of gold nuggets secured in the clean-up, one of which was worth about \$25. A large area of ground will be worked next season and Mr. Bright will arrange his affairs at home so as to enable him to spend the entire summer in Perry creek. Capt. J. O. Trow will remain in charge of the work this winter and have everything in shape for active operations as soon as the season opens next year.—Cranbrook Herald.

A teacher in a certain school in the course of a lesson on "natural history," was explaining to her class of boys the harm that had been done to the trees by them, and then went on to tell how the English sparrows had been imported to kill the worms, and that the sparrows had increased so in numbers that they had become as bad as the worms. Noticing the boys were not very attentive she said to one of them: "Tommy, which do you think are the worst, the worms or the sparrows?" "I don't know," said Tommy. "I never had the question."

Human nature is a great study, and the key to every man's character is his master motive. The motive makes the man. Behind a man's reputation stands a man's character. Behind a man's character stands a man's motive. Behind a man's motive stands a man's love. Find out what a man loves and you discover what a man is. His love is the revelation of his character. As a man thinks in his heart so he. Napoleon said "War is a splendid game. Cecil Rhodes said "Millionsaire rule the world". Emerson affirmed "Statesmen govern the universe". Emerson exclaimed "scholar is the jewel of earth and the favorite of heaven". Thus a man's ambition is the revelation of a man's love—Western Home Monthly.

A cathedral without windows, a face without eyes, a field without daisies, an alphabet without vowels, a continent without rivers, a night without stars and a sky without a sun—these would not be so bad as a town without unity and love.

Silver and the U.S. Government

Denver Daily Mining Record:

Director of the mint Roberts will ask Congress for authority to purchase silver bullion for the coinage of subsidiary money. At present the stock of small coin is not increasing, and the only available silver for that purpose amounts to not more than half a million yearly, gathered from the abraded coins turned into the treasury department.

The government needs an average addition of \$5,000,000 yearly to its small coinage. This is caused not alone by the growth of our home trade; that is, the building up of our mercantile business but it is also caused by the steady inflow of immigrants, now numbering one million yearly.

Most of these people use very little besides silver coins, and the larger our immigration the greater the demand for our dimes, quarters and halves.

The prejudice that sprang up against silver during the last Bryan campaign was unreasonable. There is no doubt that politics has played an important part in frightening the country against the white metal.

So far as being on a gold basis is concerned, there is no question that our gold foundation is very solid, but gold is not the coin for the shopper. Most people prefer to see gold in reserve rather than in circulation. The reason they dislike to carry it is because it is easily mistaken for small silver coins—particularly when it is among them.

Gold is the money of confidence; silver is the money of mercantile trade. So strong, however, has become the prejudice against silver (caused largely by the Sherman act) that men in high places have gone to the other extreme.

The sum of \$5,000,000 yearly is small as compared with the new gold coinage, and the subsidiary coins could not in any event find a foreign market, as was once the case. The percentage of silver coin is too small to permit of trading in them. These coins are money of convenience and nothing more.

If silver could be purchased at the rate Mr. Roberts suggests it is probable that the silver market would be stronger and many silver mining propositions in the west would begin renewed operations. Silver at 60 cents an ounce is cheap enough, although there is no such thing as maintaining a price because the price of silver is always given with relation to gold. Subsidiary silver coinage and bimetalism are two distinctly different things, and congress should show its good sense in recognizing that fact, not only in order to convenience the public, but to wipe out a silly misunderstanding that has injured the white metal market for many years.

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In a speech made at New Westminster Hon. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture of the Dominion, in addressing a meeting of farmers is quoted as saying:

Many thought that any fool could be a farmer and he thought himself that many fools were farmers or many farmers fools. Many farmers did not run their farms as a business proposition, as a trading or transportation company would do. Many thought that education and mental training and thought were not necessary, but as a matter of fact the men who were making the best success of farming were men who gave much thought to the business.

The Upper Columbia and Upper Kootenay Valleys are now open to the world and are today vast store houses of riches. The men who are far-sighted enough to invest here now will "sure" be rewarded. Thousands of men will find profitable employment in this territory during the next few years, and hundreds will make fortunes. Great mines will be opened and many towns will be born and increase in size. The great population that will fill these valleys from Golden to Cranbrook, will create a growing market for land produce and every line of manufacture.

People will put money into expensive outfits, give up good positions, and sacrifice years in a frozen wilderness for the hope of getting gold out of a country like the Klondike. They will go away thousands of miles to such a country, not knowing really where they are to stop or having any idea of the conditions they will meet, and take "chances of striking it rich". While the "chances" are that they will come back "broke" in pocket, mind and health; let us admit that in ten years they come back worth half a million. Is the price paid worth it? Figure it out! It is not worth it 99 times out of 100. Not when they can come into the Columbia Valley, invest the same amount of capital and with plenty of hard work—but no such hardships—make a good home and in ten years be certain of an independent and easy life the rest of their days, and have health and strength to enjoy themselves.

If Columbia Valley fruit growers do not take better care of their fruit shipments than some that arrived quite recently in Wilmer from the north, their trade will soon end. The excuse that crab apples are "all picked from the trees as they come", won't do. It is an acknowledged fact that as a rule a crab apple tree will yield a good, big crop every other year, and, therefore, in the poor, or "off", year the grower expects to sort the fruit he sells and put only the best on the market. The marketing of fruit is one of the most important points the fruit grower has to consider for once he sells a customer fruit that is not first-class that customer is lost forever and there is no telling how many other likely customers the grower loses. On the other hand if the fruit is good and the customer pleased the grower is benefitted by securing a regular customer and a lot of free advertising. The Outcrop in mentioning these facts has no other object than to point out to orchardists in general the great amount of harm that one or two careless shippers may do their business by selling inferior or small apples or other fruit.

Herein is one more good reason, for the formation of the long-talked-of agricultural society. With such a society such matters as this could be discussed and dealt with by the fruit growers themselves and done in a manner that would create no ill-feeling. Now, when all agricultural pursuits are in their infancy, is the best possible time to organize such a society and get it in good working order before the time arrives when fruit will be shipped from here in large quantities. In other portions of this Province these organizations have been formed and it is acknowledged that the benefits derived from them have greatly increased the incomes of all the members; and, moreover, these societies have achieved objects that individuals could never have accomplished—such as securing low express rates, keeping the markets supplied, guarding against over-supplying the markets, disseminating the best means of cultivation peculiar to the various district, etc., etc.

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All persons authorized to sell nursery stock in this Province are required by their principals or by themselves to deposit bonds, in the Department of Agriculture, Victoria, B.C., for the faithful performance of their obligations. The Public is therefore warned not to purchase nursery stock except from duly licensed persons.

Office of the Board of Horticulture,
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